CITY OF VAUGHAN

REPORT NO. 29 OF THE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION)

For consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 24, 2011

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) met at 9:43 a.m., on May 17, 2011.

Present: Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Chair

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati (9:57 a.m.) Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase Regional Councillor Deb Schulte

Councillor Tony Carella

Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca

Councillor Marilyn Iafrate

Councillor Alan Shefman (9:52 a.m.)

The following items were dealt with:

1 METROLINX - BOLTON GO COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE FEASIBILITY STUDY WARDS 1, 2 AND 3

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated May 17, 2011, be approved;
- 2) That when the Environmental Assessment is undertaken, all four (4) locations in the City of Vaughan be included and that Metrolinx be informed of Council's request; and
- 3) That the presentation by Mr. Daniel Haufschild, Director Policy and Planning and Mr. Trevor Anderson, Transportation Planner, Metrolinx, 20 Bay Street, Suite 600, Toronto, M5J 2W3 and Communication C1, presentation material, entitled "Bolton Commuter Rail Feasibility Study Status Overview", be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, in consultation with the Director of Policy Planning, recommends:

1. THAT the presentation from Metrolinx with respect to the Bolton Commuter Rail Service Feasibility Study be received;

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- That Metrolinx be requested to examine the feasibility of establishing urban type GO Rail station location opportunities in the core areas of Woodbridge and Nashville with a longer term perspective to accommodate travel demand on the future Bolton Commuter Rail service; and
- 3. That a copy of this report be forwarded to Metrolinx and York Region.

2 LEARNING FROM THE ELECTION PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2014 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk & Returning Officer, dated May 17, 2011, be approved;
- That the City Clerk be requested to submit a report on the Sign By-law as it relates to election signs;
- 3) That the City Clerk be requested to submit a report summarizing the information determined from the previous Ward Boundary Review to enable Council to decide whether a ward boundary review should be considered at this time; and
- 4) That Communication C2, Mr. Nick Pinto, The West Woodbridge Homeowners Association, 57 Mapes Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 8R4, dated May 17, 2011, be received.

Recommendation

The City Clerk & Returning Officer recommends:

- 1) That the presentation of the City Clerk & Returning Officer on key lessons learned from the 2010 Elections be received;
- 2) Should Council decide that a Ward Boundary Review be conducted, that the Review be commenced as soon as possible, and that the City Clerk report back with the terms of reference for the Ward Boundary Review, including the engagement of consultants necessary for the purpose;
- 3) That in any event of the Ward Boundary Review, the City Clerk & Returning Officer be requested to revise the polling subdivisions in the City of Vaughan with a view to maximizing convenience for the voters, the optimization of election administration, and cost effectiveness;
- 4) That the City of Vaughan adopt, in principle, a policy to maximize participation by City staff on Election Day duties, and that the City Clerk & Returning Officer in conjunction with other appropriate staff submit an implementation report;
- 5) That the current Election Coordinator contract be extended for the purpose of completing outstanding tasks associated with the 2010 election, commencing planning for the 2014 election, and assisting in the coordination of any Ward Boundary Review that may be commenced;
- 6) That the City Clerk & Returning Officer be requested to include in his 2014 election budget submission resources for dedicated information technology staff to be assigned to the election project commencing at least twelve months prior to Election Day 2014; and
- 7) That the City Clerk & Returning Officer be requested to submit further reports on:

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- a. The potential for the use of internet voting in 2014;
- b. The results of the contribution rebate program;
- c. A proposed budget for the 2014 elections;
- d. Recommendations for election-related decisions to be made by Council, such as advance vote dates and times, the use of languages other than English and French, and voting hours in retirement/nursing homes; and
- e. Procedural modifications to be employed for the 2014 elections.

3 CULTURAL AND SOCIAL INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Economic Development, dated May 17, 2011:

Recommendation

The Director of Economic Development recommends:

- 1. That this report be received;
- 2. Council adopt the Cultural and Social International City Partnership framework as presented in this report and direct staff to continue to respond to international city opportunities.

4 OUTSTANDING REPORTS LIST (CW – RPT. 11, ITEM 23)

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated May 17, 2011, be approved; and
- 2) That the City Manager bring forward to the Council meeting of May 24, 2011, a modified Outstanding Reports List with an explanation of why particular items have been recommended for removal from the list.

Recommendation

The City Manager in consultation with the Senior Management team recommends that following report be received.

5 NEW BUSINESS – THORNHILL FESTIVAL

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends that a report be brought forward to the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 31, 2011 with recommendations on how the City of Vaughan can assist with the Thornhill Festival.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Regional Councillor Schulte.

OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

6.1 RECESS AND RECONVENE

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recessed at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened at 12:54 p.m. with the following members present:

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Chair

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Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase (1:06 p.m.) Regional Councillor Deb Schulte Councillor Tony Carella Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca Councillor Marilyn Iafrate Councillor Alan Shefman

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Chair